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Dion touts carbon plan

TAX Federal Liberal Leader Stéphane Dion was at the University of Alberta yesterday to promote his controversial new carbon tax plan.

After spending a day talking to Stampede-goers in Calgary about his "green shift" plan that looks to collect \$15.4 billion in new taxes from industries that produce high carbon emissions, Dion spoke to over 100 young people at the Canadian Youth Climate Coalition Conference.

"I say to [people opposed] that I'm convinced that ... it's better for Alberta to do it then not do it, and do it with the Liberal approach and not the Conservative approach," said Dion.

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Driver killed in shooting

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Gaming as education

Stampede Wild ride



Anthony Bello keeps his cool on Frost Bite during yesterday's rodeo action at the Calgary Stampede.

Climber killed

28-year-old found dead in Kananaskis

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

Tragedy has struck for a climber out enjoying nature this weekend.

A 28-year-old man, whom RCMP believe is a local, though it has not been confirmed if he was from Calgary, was reported missing by a roommate Saturday morning after he had left for Kananaskis last Thursday.

tell someone

RCMP and Kananaskis Emergency Services are reminding people to notify someone of your plans before you head out.

Search efforts that day failed, but his remains were found yesterday morning from a helicopter around 10 a.m. on the east side of Mount Kidd, at an elevation of approximately 2,600 metres. First indica-

tions suggest he had fallen, according to a release sent out yesterday by the RCMP.

The man, who has yet to be identified pending notification of next of kin, was a scrambler — a climber who uses minimal or no climbing gear — though some gear was next to the victim when the body was found.

"He left no word about where he was going or when he was coming back," said Sgt. Patrick Webb of the RCMP.

Mystery death at car wash

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Calgary Police and the medical examiner's office are investigating the circumstances that led to an adult male being found dead in a southeast car wash Sunday morning.

Insp. Frank Reuser said Calgary police were called to 69 Shawville Rise SE around 8:45 a.m. yesterday after a female driver slowly inched into the Shawnessy Car Wash but was unable to drive fully in because a middle-aged adult male was lying on the ground in front of her vehicle.

Reuser said police are working with the medical examiner's office to figure out what the man was doing in the bay, his identity and what caused his death.

Shawnessy Car Wash manager Mansell Lewis said he has no explanation for what the man was doing in the car wash bay, or if he was even alive when the car struck him.

"It's shocking, it's hard to believe, and it's one of those sad things in life that happen from time to time and this time it happened here," he said. "I don't know, talking to the police, they don't know yet either if he died because of the car or died because of natural causes earlier or what really happened."



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Police are looking for a man who robbed the Rentcash Inc. at 1107 17 Ave. SW on Saturday. He demanded cash, saying he had a weapon. He's described as a five-foot-eight, 160-pound white male, 20-25 years old, wearing a black baseball cap. **METRO CALGARY**

Man sought in robbery

Local



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A member of the Calgary Police Service Crime Scenes Unit inspects the damage on an SUV involved in a shooting and subsequent crash. One man was found dead in the vehicle Saturday night.

Driver dies after SUV sprayed with bullets

CANDICE WARD
for Metro Calgary

One man is dead after his vehicle was riddled with bullets and then smashed into a nearby tree.

The popping of gunfire rang out over the community of Thorncliffe just after 8 p.m., Saturday night.

"It was crazy, like chaos," said Will Jones, an employee of a nearby business.

Jones had just begun his shift when the gunfire rang out.

"There were police cars and lights everywhere," said Jones. "Everyone was coming in and asking what happened, it was insane."

The black Infiniti FX45 was heading southbound

"It was crazy, like chaos."

Will Jones, employee of nearby business

on Centre Street N and had crossed the northbound lanes and crashed into a tree in the 5400 block.

The male driver, the only occupant of the vehicle was

pronounced dead at the scene.

Police believe that the vehicle was shot at initially before it struck the tree.

About 14 shots have been estimated to have been fired at the SUV, according to reports.

The homicide and gang unit continue to investigate, and more information is expected today.

Freeing donkeys height of crime faced by Stampede security so far

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INJURY Jail breaking donkeys might have been the worst of it so far.

Other than the occasional drunken knuckle chucking contest and a few instances of disorderly conduct, things have been pretty tame on the crime front as the Calgary Stampede hits its full gallop, said Calgary Police Insp. Keith Cain, noting several donkey pens in the Agricultural building were opened by unknown persons Saturday morning.

"It was a good thing it



Constables Morgan Kyle and Troy Cheyne are a pair of over 100 cops patrolling Stampede Park to keep law and order while the fun and revelry go on for the next 7 days.

was only donkeys that got out and if that's the worst thing we'll have to deal with for awhile, I think we can live with that," said

Cain. "It was unfortunate that one of the donkeys got hurt, but we've made some changes, made the place more secure and we shouldn't have that problem again."

With as many as 100 officers patrolling the Stampede Grounds, Cain said a substantial police presence may be deterring some from acting out of line, but noted that most of the more than 300,000 people to flood past the gates since opening day Friday are just there for a good time.

As of press time, there were no major incidents Sunday.

News in brief

TORNADOES Two tornadoes touched down just east of Airdrie in farmers' fields yesterday at about 4:30 p.m.

Environment Canada reports that hot weather combined with humidity and precipitation brews up the perfect recipe for tornadoes and Albertans can expect to see more funnel clouds in the near future. No one was injured during the incident, the tornadoes didn't come into contact with any property, and there was little damage.

The storm passed through quickly, clipping along at roughly 40 km/h, but a tornado warning was in effect as of late yesterday evening for Airdrie, Kathryn, Irricana, Beiseker, Crossfield, Linden and Acme.

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Assault Calgary Police and EMS responded to a fight between two groups resulting in one man being taken to hospital in serious condition early Sunday morning. Police believe the altercation in the 200 block of 15 Ave SE took place as two friends left the Stampede grounds and were confronted by a group of young adults, both male and female. **METRO CALGARY**

It's a tight fit for University Heights

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You'll have to forgive them, they're just feeling a little claustrophobic today.

Flanked by Alberta's Children's Hospital, McMahon Stadium, the University of Calgary and Foothills Hospital, University Heights, a quaint little quadrant in Calgary's northwest, is feeling the squeeze of an ever-expanding city.

"There are days where, sure, you do feel kind of like you're being pushed in further and further," said Jean Moore, who has lived in University Heights since 1966. "And you also feel as if you don't have any control over it, but it is a great little community and I doubt I'll ever leave, as long as I can keep up with the yard anyway."

A failed attempt to resurrect the community's outdoor skating rink two winters ago sealed its fate for good as not enough volun-



Sandwiched by major players like the University of Calgary, McMahon Stadium and the Alberta Children's Hospital, University Heights is still growing in its sense of community.

teers stepped forward to keep it running, Moore said, and while she's seen plenty of folks come and go, she's encouraged by a recent influx of young families in the past decade.

"You sure don't know your neighbours like you used to, but I think it's great for the future of University Heights to see all these younger folks moving in," she said, noting a

few houses on her block that have had children she watched grow-up purchase their parents' houses.

Dave Richardson, who moved into the neighbourhood eight years ago with his young family, said a "really solid community feeling" drew him there and will likely keep them there as his soccer-star children grow up.

"But like anywhere, Uni-

versity Heights has its issues — the growth and expansion of the university, the widening of 16 Avenue that a lot of people didn't like, but on the whole, it's a great place," he said.

For a community so close to the university, there's surprisingly few students calling University Heights home, attributed mainly by residents to an inability to build basement suites.

Pancake breakfast raises money for trucker killed last week

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Calgary

HELPING OUT Stampede breakfasts are everywhere, but this one was different.

From the outside, it looked like a breakfast and car show, but the hundreds of people that dug into pancakes and sausage also dug deep to help out the family of Gord Wilson, the dump truck driver killed

on Deerfoot last Wednesday.

In a tribute, cars and trucks of all sizes, values, and styles lined the parking lot, most decorated with blue and white ribbons, others with messages to Gord scrawled across their windows. The 28-year-old man loved cars, even the smell of rubber according to friends.

"If you knew him 30 seconds, he was your friend,"

said Marty Nystrom of the "great guy." Nystrom was one of several organizers.

Gord is survived by his wife, Lauri, his daughter Cassidy, 5, and a brand new, three-week-old baby, Gord Jr. His sudden death left the family with no income, which prompted friends and family raise money. Breakfast-goers were petitioned to help fill a water cooler bottle with cash, and by 10:30 a.m. the

bottle was nearly half full.

Christian City Church holds a breakfast like this every year and draws close to 1,200 people, but Nystrom said he expected to "smoke and shatter" that number.

"Life just ceases to exist like that," said Alaina Wagner, also there to help out. "We just have to be here for the living."

Donations are also being accepted at the church.



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Rafters are urged to exercise caution and abide the minor safety rules while enjoying area waterways on hot summer days.

Rules key to safe river fun

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SAFETY Enjoying the sunshine on the city's public water isn't illegal but city officials will be out educating people this summer on the rules of the rivers.

Andrew Bissett of city Bylaw Services told Metro the summer is prime time to educate people on safety in enjoying the weather and they will be conducting education campaigns similar to last summer.

"A lot of the people think the Bow River is the only river the rules are in place, but we want people to know you have to follow safety rules in the Elbow River too," he said.

That includes not tying rafts together, wear safety jackets at all times and not consuming alcohol, Jeff Budai of the Fire Department added.

"Safety jackets are the most important. Some people want to work on their tan on the rivers, well they

"Some people want to work on their tan on the rivers, well they should do that at home where it's safer."

Fire Department's
Jeff Budai

should do that at home where it's safer," he said. "And rivers and alcohol don't mix, it impairs judgment."

The fire department has crews patrolling the rivers throughout the spring and summer and they see a lot of incidents that could easily turn into accidents.

And Budai warns of not using the safety boom before the weir, also known as "the drowning machine", to be a last resort.

"It's not something we want to see people use as something to stop them, because we have had to rescue a lot of people from it and it's just not a good idea."



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Catecho, a chemical used to develop photos and as an oxidizing agent in hair dyes, has been listed by the government as one of eight dangerous common chemicals. **METRO CALGARY**

Canada

"One (appeal) is asking for a kidney to be donated altruistically."

Ken Donohue of the B.C. Transplant Society speaking on the transplant selection process.



close friend?

Two Canadian couples have turned to Facebook and Craigslist in their search for organ donation. Canadian law allows friends to donate but officials have no way of telling the depth of that friendship.

G8 looks to regain stature

Harper calls on group to condemn Mugabe election

Weakened by economic woes and enduring political divisions, leaders of the Group of Eight nations meeting here will be more hard-pressed than usual to live up to their avowed commitment to act in the global interest.

Early indications are that Canada, the United States and other G-8 countries are shying away from agreements on decisive action on some of today's most pressing problems — improving health in developing nations, aid to Africa, the world food crisis and climate change.

"Their credibility is running low because under their tenure, not much has happened" to help devel-



Prime Minister Stephen Harper is greeted by Japanese officials upon his arrival at New Chitose International Airport yesterday ahead of the G8 Summit.

oping countries, Mark Fried, advocacy co-ordinator for Oxfam Canada, says of current G-8 leaders.

The group, which also includes Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and Russia, is opening a three-

day summit on the northern Japanese island of Hokkaido.

But Prime Minister Stephen Harper has already called on the G-8 to condemn Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe's recent controversial election.

Harper met with Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda shortly after arriving from Canada. During a 45-minute session, Harper and Fukuda agreed that the G8 should put out a separate statement on the illegitimacy of Mugabe's government in Zimbabwe. Some countries taking part in today's discussions on Africa also favour the adoption of tougher sanctions.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Native schools strapped for cash: Superintendent

CALGARY Yvonne DePeel, a Calgary native school superintendent, says the federal government's recent residential schools apology is meaningless if the students today on Canada's native reserves can't get a decent education.

DePeel points to the Morley Community School for native students west of Calgary that may be forced to hold classes outdoors next year because of a lack of space. The school was built to hold 450 students,

80 The number of native schools across Canada in a tough financial situation.

but when classes resume in September, 790-plus students are expected to arrive.

MP Charlie Angus, the NDP's native affairs critics, said there are 80 native schools across Canada in the same situation.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

News in brief

BULGARIA A Canadian businessman who was imprisoned in Bulgaria after being convicted of embezzlement returned home to Vancouver last night after spending 12 years in jail. Michael Kapoustin, 55,

was cleared of the former charge but was convicted of embezzling around \$4 million from 2,800 Bulgarian investors in his LifeChoice International fund and given a 17-year sentence. **METRO VANCOUVER**

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Election finance probe

After months of delay a probe of the Tories so-called in-and-out election financing scheme, is finally scheduled to begin on July 15.

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Fortune favours farmers

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Western Canadian grain farmers were once the lowliest of all, but just two years after grain prices bottomed out, they are reaping the benefits of having sown what is so desperately needed: food.

"Farmers have never seen a year like this...unbelievable prices."

Dan Mourre, farmer

The price of grain has soared this past year, turning profits for farmers once on the verge of bank-

ruptcy.

"Farmers have never seen a year like (this), wonderful crop, unbelievable prices," says Dan Mourre, a farmer near Rosetown, Sask. "There are a lot of happy people around. If oil can go up to \$150 a barrel, why shouldn't wheat go to \$15 a bushel?"

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ottawa man charged in sewer thefts

FINES. Tim Argiropoulos, 42, of Ottawa will appear in court next month in connection to the theft of 25 sewer grates. The charges against him range from theft over \$5,000 to endangering life. The municipality had to issue a warning last week for residents to watch out for holes left in the streets after more than 150 of the covers and grates were taken in the past month.

It's thought that the disappearance of the covers and grates is connected to high scrap metal prices.

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Québec Street performers



A street performer performs during the annual "Gathering on the Boulevard" show in Quebec City yesterday.

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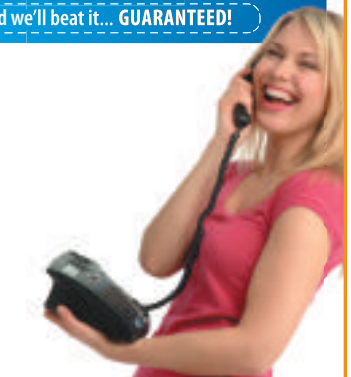
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The Czech Republic and the United States will sign a treaty tomorrow to build a missile defence radar on Czech soil despite opposition at home and in Russia. **REUTERS**

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World

Wax figure protest

A man tore the head from a controversial waxwork figure of Adolf Hitler on the opening day of Berlin's Madame Tussauds museum Saturday, police said. Minutes after the museum opened, the 41-year-old German man pushed aside two security men guarding the figure before ripping off the head in protest at the exhibit. **REUTERS**

Parents make appeal to their son's killer

Suspect still loose after 'horrific' London knife murder

The parents of one of the two French students murdered in London a week ago in a frenzied knife attack appealed yesterday for the killer to come forward and said they would not rest until the guilty party was found.

Bio-engineering students Laurent Bonomo and Gabriel Perez, both 23, were bound, gagged and repeatedly stabbed in Bonomo's south London apartment in what police called the most "frenzied, brutal and horrific" mur-

ders they had seen.

Bonomo was stabbed nearly 200 times, up to 80 times after he was dead, while Perez received nearly 50 knife wounds.

French newspapers said the shocking murders highlighted how dangerous the city had become after a spate of street teen stabbings this year that has prompted the mayor to make it a priority and police to expand a specialist knife crime squad.

"We plead with you to turn yourselves in to the police. You will not be able to



Suspect composite

live in hiding forever," Perez' parents Francoise and Olivier said in a statement. "You may be scared and feel like a coward, but you must recognize this terrible mistake you made. Rest assured that we will not leave you in peace."

Late yesterday, police issued a computer-generated likeness of a man seen running away from near the

apartment on the night of the murders.

Witnesses described him as white, aged between 30 and 40, of slim build and wearing a light coloured baseball cap, dark top, blue jeans and white trainers.

Mick Duthie, the man leading the police inquiry, urged that anyone who may have seen something to come forward.

Police arrested a 21-year-old man on Saturday in connection with the murders who was released without charge yesterday. **REUTERS**

Spain Helping hands



A reveller is caught after leaping from the Plaza de la Navarrería fountain at the start of the San Fermin festival yesterday in Pamplona, Spain.

Hostages urged to hold on to hope

BETANCOURT Freed hostage Ingrid Betancourt spoke yesterday through a radio broadcast to those still being held in the Colombian jungle by leftist guerrillas, urging them not to lose hope.

The Franco-Colombian politician was freed on Wednesday by a Colombian army operation after more than six years in the hands of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). She arrived in France on Friday to a hero's welcome.

"I have spoken to French President Nicolas Sarkozy several times and he committed himself publicly to continue the fight for all the hostages who are still in the jungle," Betancourt told remaining captives of the FARC during her broadcast, of which snippets were aired on French me-

"I have spoken to French President Nicolas Sarkozy ... and he committed himself publicly to continue the fight for all the hostages."

Freed hostage
Ingrid Betancourt

dia. She spoke from Paris on Radio Caracol, a Colombian radio station routinely used to communicate with FARC hostages, on which she had listened to messages from relatives and supporters during her long captivity.

A source close to Betancourt said she had urged the jungle captives not to lose hope and that they too would soon taste freedom. **REUTERS**

News in brief

AFGHANISTAN Afghan President Hamid Karzai has ordered an investigation into a U.S.-led coalition air strike that local officials said killed 15 civilians, but the U.S. military says killed only armed Taliban militants. But just as the president gave the order, accusations sur-

faced that another coalition airstrike had killed 23 civilians travelling in a wedding convoy. The issue of civilian casualties is an emotive one in Afghanistan, feeding a common perception international forces do not take enough care when launching air strikes.

HURRICANE Tropical Storm Bertha, moving briskly across open ocean waters, may strengthen into the first hurricane of the 2008 Atlantic storm season sometime during the next 48 hours, U.S. weather forecasters said yesterday. Bertha, which formed Thursday

near the Cape Verde islands off Africa, had maximum sustained winds approaching 50 miles per hour at 11 a.m. EDT and was heading west at 21 mph, the U.S. National Hurricane Center in Miami said. Storms are judged to be hurricanes when wind speed reaches at least 74 mph. **REUTERS**

6 dead in Iraq bombing

A car bomb killed six civilians and wounded 14 other people in the Shaab district of northern Baghdad yesterday, police said. One woman was among the dead and three policemen were wounded in the attack, which targeted a police patrol. **REUTERS**

News in brief

PAKISTAN A suicide bomber killed at least eight people and wounded 23 in an attack on police who had been guarding Islamists marking the anniversary of an army commando raid on Islamabad's Red Mosque. The attack will raise questions about a new government's policy of trying to end militant violence through negotiations and increase concern about prospects for the country, a nuclear-armed U.S. ally making a transition to civilian rule.

ABDUCTIONS U.S. President George W. Bush pledged yesterday that Japan's concerns about North Korean abductions of its citizens would not be ignored even as Washington moved to ease sanctions against the communist country. Bush has begun easing restrictions on Pyongyang after it offered details of its nuclear weapons programme, but the U.S. leader made a pointed effort to show his support for Japanese Prime Minister Yasuo Fukuda.

AGRICULTURE The European Union will channel 1 billion euros in unused European farm subsidies to African farmers as part of its response to the global food crisis, the head of the EU executive said this morning. **REUTERS**

Firefighters brace for new heat wave

Conditions right for fire to grow: National Forest Service

Weary California firefighters braced yesterday for another heat wave in the next few days as they battled to bring two major blazes threatening towns along the central coast under control.

Residents in more than 2,600 homes in the path of a 9,367 acre fire in the Santa Barbara area were still under evacuation orders. Families who live in another 850 houses were warned to be ready to leave at short notice, county officials said.

Cooler weather Saturday helped fire crews make some headway against a six-day old fire raging in rugged terrain near the small town of Goleta, about eight miles from Santa Barbara.

But with the fire only 28 per cent contained, temperatures rose and humidity



Firefighter David Ford, right, throws a flare to set a backfire yesterday, as fellow firefighter Peter Aranda looks on during a massive wildfire in Big Sur, California.

ty dropped yesterday ahead of what forecasters warned would be another heat wave ahead with temperatures exceeding 38 C in many areas.

"Any time temperatures increase and relative humidity goes down, the fu-

els get drier and you have a more combustible situation. There is a lot of concern for firefighter safety," said Karen McKinley, spokeswoman for the National Forest Service.

"We've got increased temperatures and in-

creased winds today. Canyons and passes tend to channel winds, so what could happen is that the winds could channel the fire down San Marco pass and that would hit Goleta and Santa Barbara," she said. **REUTERS**

Age a factor in male fertility, researchers say

FRANCE Couples trying to have a baby when the man is over 40 will have more difficulty conceiving than if he is younger, French researchers said yesterday.

Doctors know a woman's age plays a key role, but the findings presented at the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology conference suggest the paternal impact is stronger than earlier thought, Stephanie Belloc and colleagues said.

"Our data gives evidence for the first time, for a strong paternal effect on IUI (intrauterine insemination) outcome either on pregnancy rates but also on miscarriage rates," Belloc and her team from the Eylau Centre for Assisted Reproduction in France said.

DNA

The researchers do not know exactly why age plays a role, but said DNA decay in sperm could be a likely explanation.

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From washing machines that use steam instead of hot water, to fridges that use low energy compressors, to low power computer screens, electronics firms are furiously developing energy efficient products that use less electricity than competitors' brands. REUTERS

Business



Bush backs strong dollar

U.S. President George W. Bush said in Tokyo yesterday the American economy was not growing as quickly as he would like and that his administration supported a strong dollar policy. The U.S. economy grew at a 1 per cent annual rate in the first quarter amid soaring oil and commodity prices. REUTERS

Imports of vehicles from U.S. double

The number of vehicles imported into Canada from the United States in 2008 is well on pace to break last year's record high, according to data compiled by the North American Automobile Trade Association.

Canadians imported 151,169 vehicles as of June 30, more than double the amount for the same period a year earlier, and fast

approaching the 189,738 vehicles imported throughout 2007.

"The strong Canadian dollar is definitely the force behind that (trend) and I think that Canadians are becoming more and more aware of the vast savings on some vehicles," said Mark Sandelin, chief executive of Import Trader, a company that specializes in importing vehicles and heavy equipment from the

"The strong Canadian dollar is definitely the force behind that (trend)."

Mark Sandelin, chief executive Import Trader

United States.

Sandelin says once all the import fees have been taken into account, Cana-

dians can expect to save, on average, between \$3,000 and \$4,000 on a vehicle selling for \$30,000 at a Canadian dealership.

Last week, the Canadian government made it easier for Canadians to import vehicles from the United States by introducing new bumper standards to match those currently in place in the United States and Europe.

REUTERS

Starbucks' fall delights fans

GLEE Financial woes at Starbucks, which is planning to close 600 underperforming U.S. stores, is evoking glee and little sympathy from aficionados who say they resent the coffee shop giant and favour independent cafes.

The Schadenfreude of coffee drinkers drawing satisfaction from another's misfortune is part of the popular culture that enjoys the downfall of com-

victim

Starbucks fell victim to a change in attitude, fueled by bloggers complaining about layoffs and its breakfast sandwiches, Jim Carroll said.

panies or celebrities, said Jim Carroll, a Canadian-based trends and innovation expert.

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Ivey index's rise beats expectations

CANADIAN ECONOMY Canadian business purchasing activity increased more than expected in June, to 69.6 from 62.5 in May, according to the Ivey Purchasing Managers Index

released Friday, but the figures also signaled the jobs market may be weakening.

The Ivey employment index dropped to 58.2 from 59.3 in the previous month. In May,

Canadian job growth was at its weakest level since December with the economy adding 8,400 jobs, which was below the median analyst forecast for 10,000 jobs. REUTERS

News in brief

BCE TAKEOVER BCE Inc. said on Friday that its buyers had finalized funding and were sticking to their \$34.8-billion purchase price. BCE said it expected its going-private deal to close by Dec. 11. REUTERS

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Calgary Stampede



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Lexy Dekker and Kaleb Eskew, 2, plummet down the Super Slide, enjoying the Petro Canada Family Day at Stampede Park yesterday as the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth kicked into high gear this weekend.

Calgary Stampede

Stampeding a hit with families

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER
METRO CALGARY

A mosh pit of baby strollers, stuffed animals and toddlers hit the Stampede yesterday, but it wasn't for Hedley – it was for Barney and friends at Family Day.

Thousands of parents, grandparents and children bopping their heads filled the Coca Cola stage area for the fun-filled family shows on the themed day.

Many parents went to the grounds early for Petro Canada Family Day taking advantage of the free admission until 9 a.m.

and of course, there was breakfast, too.

"It's just a great way to bring the whole family and it's not something you have to spend a lot of money. There are a lot of great family events going on," Scott Vanderwerff told Metro.

With his one-and-a-half-year old daughter Aylah on his shoulders enjoying the show, Vanderwerff was enjoying the moment.

"She is just getting introduced to Barney and she really likes it. She is having a great time and I'm glad we came down."

Other parents and children also

took in the Barney show and many sang along and played on the grass with their families while some others took in the sights and sounds of the Midway.

"The kids love the food and we love winning some stuffed toys for them. But it's not as much fun to carry them around as winning them," father of three Bill Weeks told Metro.

Scott Vanderwerff and 18-month-old daughter Aylah enjoyed the family entertainment at yesterday's Petro Canada Family Day at Stampede Park.



PHOTO BY ROBIN KUNISKI FOR METRO CALGARY

Athletes enjoying wild ride at Stampede



Canadian bobsledders and 2010 Olympic hopefuls Jenny Ciochetti and Helen Upperton took time to sign autographs at the Bell RodeoX tent yesterday at the Calgary Stampede.

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER
METRO CALGARY

It's not just a misconception – bobsleigh athletes do love wild rides too.

"You know we train on bobsleighs, which is a ride in itself, but we like to ride the rollercoaster's too, so it's true what they say," Olympic hopeful Helen Upperton told Metro.

Upperton and bobsleigh

team partner Jenny Ciochetti are training for the 2010 Vancouver Olympics but took a break from training to visit with fans at the Bell RodeoX tent yesterday.

"Bell supports us so we wanted to support them. It's also really nice to be able to meet people and they can see who we are. It's just an awesome atmosphere here, too," Upperton added.

Ciochetti is from Edmonton and was excited to be a part of the Stampede this year.

"We're also going to check out the rodeo and see some of the other cool events around. It's fun for me because I'm not from here," she said.

The two signed autographs for excited fans during the Bell RodeoX show, and many lined up to meet the duo.

Blacksmiths test their mettle at Stampede

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER
METRO CALGARY

The fairest of the ferriers competed this weekend at the Calgary Stampede, showing off their blacksmith skills with a cool \$10,000 prize for the winner.

The professional blacksmiths came to Calgary from 13 countries to compete in the prestigious "Olympics of Blacksmithing" event in the big top.

"These are the world championships and the best of the best are competing. This is what they do and it's their life," blacksmith committee member Rob Hitchner said.

The metal torchers worked fervently to shape, shine and fit the shoes accordingly for their assigned horses, and were then judged on the final result in the timed event.

"It's a popular attraction and people are enjoying watching the show. It's definitely a crowd pleaser," Hitchner added.

Competitor Dean Sinclair finished in the "middle of the pack" but said he had a great time at the world championships.

"I've been doing it a lot of years and it's always a great atmosphere. These guys are tough competitors and they're just amazing to watch," he said.

Sinclair is an instructor of the trade at Olds College and says it's a popular class.

"We have a lot of younger guys coming in and actually there are five graduates including myself heading to a competition representing the Canadian ferrier team."

Among the top five competitors duking it out for

first, none were from Canada. Sinclair said the European nations usually excel because of a four-year program compared to a one-year program in Olds.

Taking the top prize of \$10,000 was Paul Robinson from Northern Ireland followed by David Varini from Scotland and Grant Moon from Wales.



Ian Gajczak of Scotland competes in the blacksmith companion held yesterday at the Calgary Stampede.

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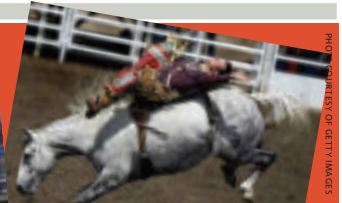


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Rodeo Results

Bullriding

Schiffner, Scott	Strathmore, Alta	88.0
Besplug, Chad	Claresholm, Alta	87.5
Canter, Brian	Randleman, NC	87.5
Mauney, J.B.	Mooresville, NC	86.0
Roy, Nathan	Lloydminster, Sask	82.5
Bohon, Matt	Cole Camp, MO	80
Elliott, Dustin	North Platte, NE	80
Clark, Brendon	Coalinga, CA	80
Edge, Denton	Marwayne, Alta	80
Pankewitz, Tyler	Warburg, Alta	0.0

Saddle Bronc

Elshe, JJ	Quinn, SD	85.0
Diaz, Isaac	Stephenville, TX	85.0
Willert, Jeff	Belvidere, SD	83.5
Ferley, Chad	Oelrichs, SD	83.0
Kreutzer, Ross	Maple Creek, SK	82.5
Arnold, Justin	Santa Margarita, CA	81.5
Flundra, Dustin	Pincher Creek, Alta	76.0
Bello, Anthony	Oakley, UT	75.5
Taton, Cody	Newell, SD	80
DeMoss, Heith	Crowville, LA	80

Bareback

McFarland, Tom	Wickenburg, Ariz	88.0
Jeter, Jason	Mansfield, TX	85.0
Dent, Steven	Mullen, NE	84.0
Harris, Chris	Itasca, TX	84.0
LaValley, Dusty	Crooked Creek, Alta	83.5
Hallaby, Russ	Airdrie, Alta	83.5
Shields Jr., Davey	Bashaw, Alta	80.5
Timberman, Kelly	Mills, WY	78.0
Stevenson, Wes	Lubbock, TX	74.0
Whiteside, Travis	Longview, Alta	68.5

Tie-Down Roping

Whitfield, Fred	Hockley, TX	7.3
Shiozawa, Matt	Chubbuck, ID	8.1
Ohl, Cody	Hico, TX	8.5
Williamson, Cliff	Madden, Alta	9.2
Schneeberger, Jerome	Ponca City, OK	9.3
Lewis, Monty	Hereford, TX	9.6
Robinson, Clint	Spanish Fork, UT	NT
Durfey, Tyson	Colbert, WA	NT
Peek, Josh	Pueblo, CO	NT
Hannum, Jake	Ogden, UT	NT

Steer Wrestling

Hazen, Jule	Ashland, KS	3.8
Woodward, Todd	Magrath, Alta	4.1
Milan, Baillie	Cochrane, Alta	4.3
Cassidy, Curtis	Donalda, Alta	4.4
Mulligan, Sean	Coleman, OK	4.4
Suhn, Todd	Weatherford, TX	4.8
LeDoux, Gabe	Kaplan, LA	4.9
Peek, Josh	Pueblo, CO	12.1
Robinson, Clint	Spanish Fork UT	NT
Milan, Tanner	Cochrane, Alta	NT

Ladies Barrel Racing

Renger, Deb	Okotoks, Alta	17.70
Lockhart, Lisa	Oelrichs, SD	17.99
Stoney, Sierra	DeWinton, Alta	18.01
Walter, Rana	Lethbridge, Alta	18.09
Cervi, Sherry	Marana, AZ	18.39
Pozzi-Pharr, Brittany	Victoria, TX	22.40
Dawson, Traci	Erskine, Alta	22.67
Robinson, Rayel	Alix, Alta	23.37
Johnson, Sherrylynn	Henryetta, OK	23.68
Hofstetter, Brittany	Portales, NM	28.07

Chuckwagon Results

Heat 1:

Reg Johnstone	Cargill	1:15.54
Troy Dorchester	Sunset Ridge of Cochrane	1:16.88
Jim Knight	Sharp Underground Inc	1:17.86
Ross Fisher	Cam Clark Trailers	1:20.32

Heat 2:

Grant Profit	Marauders Chuckwagon Group	1:15.77
Troy Flad	Borden Ladner Gervais	1:18.13
Ross Knight	Kidz Wagon	1:18.53
Chad Harden	ATB Financial	1:18.92

Heat 3:

Mike Vigen	CMP Chev/Pontiac/Buick/GMC/Cadillac	1:16.70
Rick Fraser	Jayman Master BUILT	1:17.59
Roger Moore	Rug Shop	1:17.91
Todd Baptiste	Pacrim Hospitality Services	1:18.16

Heat 4:

Kelly Sutherland	Talk & Train from the Hear Now Inc.	1:15.10
Norm Cuthbertson	Primera Racing Stables Ltd	1:15.87
Sean DeBolt	Carma Developers	1:18.38
Tyler Helmig	High River Autoplex & RV	1:27.75

Heat 5:

Leo Tournier	Friends of the Mavericks	1:14.68
Luke Tournier	The Cowboys Posse	1:15.04
Brian Laboucane	The Mavericks	1:15.78
Vern Nolin	The Lucid Group of Companies	1:16.64

Heat 6:

Hugh Sinclair	Ceili's Irish Pub	1:16.42
Neal Walgenbach	Super 8 Motels	1:17.11
Gary Gorst	Royal Liquor Merchants / Zirco	1:17.56
Doug Irvine	B & R Eckels Transport Ltd	1:18.01

Heat 7:

Ray Mitsuing	Airstream Heating & A/C	1:17.42
Wayne Knight	Express Employment Prof. & Ranches	1:19.19
Kurt Bensmiller	WestJet	1:22.42
Tim Haroldson	Friends of Heritage Park	1:25.38

Heat 8:

Jason Glass	Shaw GMC Pontiac Buick Hummer	1:18.98
Grant Preece	Roadhouse Firewagon	1:19.27
Shane Nolin	Chickwagon & Heninger Toyota	1:20.71
Rae Croteau	Sandro Fine Italian Cuisine	1:24.05

Heat 9:

Mark Sutherland	Friends of SAIT	1:16.49
Buddy Bensmiller	ACERA Developments TRC Ranch	1:17.47
Kirk Sutherland	Ranchman's Cookhouse & Dancehall Inc	1:18.26
Jerry Bremner	Blackmont Capital Inc	1:23.03

-Source: Calgary Stampede

Stampede Music Line-Up

Coca-Cola Stage

Noon: The Heebee-jeebees

2 p.m.: Terry Stokes

3:30 p.m.: The Heebee-jeebees

5 p.m.: Terry Stokes

9 p.m.: Lifehouse

JASON WADE/CITY IMAGES



Jason Wade and Lifehouse will be the headline act on the Coca-Cola Stage at Stampede Park tonight at 9 p.m.

Nashville North Stage

1 p.m.: Krysta Scoggins

2:30 p.m.: Country Superstars

3:30 p.m.: Krysta Scoggins

4:30 p.m.: Country Superstars

5:30 p.m.: Krysta Scoggins

6:30 p.m.: Country Superstars

7:30 p.m.: Krysta Scoggins

9 p.m.: Johnny Reid

11 p.m. and 12:15 a.m.: Hey Romeo

MARISA BACKEN/CITY IMAGES



Johnny Reid will hit the stage in Nashville North at Stampede Park tonight at 9 p.m.

Calgary Stampede



Superdogs "Bling it on"

BY KRISTA SYLVESTER
METRO CALGARY

Nothing short of super and celebrating their 30th anniversary, the IAMS Superdogs brought the "bling" to thousands of visitors this weekend.

The popular dog show was a huge hit on family day with kids and parents alike clapping their hands and egging the super duper dogs on to great heights.

Producer and showman Herb Williams told Metro the dogs are the real superstars of the show.

"Kids love them because they are real. It's exciting for families and really, age is irrelevant when you come here. Adults can be big kids and enjoy the show, too," he said.

The theme of the birthday show this year is "Bling it On" and the dogs sure did, Williams added.

"Did they bring it? Yeah, they 'blinged' it! The dogs are shiny and energetic and it's just so real, so pure and so wholesome."

A third of the dogs in the IAMS-sponsored show are rescued, trained and then turned into stars. There are 50 dogs at the Calgary Stampede all rotating and taking turns performing their favourite tricks for owners and fans.

Williams said Pot Roast, a bulldog, is wildly popular among young fans even though he doesn't do much. And the audience always loves the high jumping dogs - some jumping over six feet.

"We've got the highest jumping dog in the world," Williams boasts.

And at 75-years-old Williams is no slouch himself, well known for his bright and colourful suits, he brought out a couple new ones for the Calgary Stampede - including a shiny silver one to go with the theme of the show.

Nancy Gilmer, up from the United States for the Greatest Outdoor Show on Earth, said her two kids loved the show, catching a peek on Thursday night.

"They just adored the dogs and I can see it's probably their favourite thing here so we'll probably be back a few times," she said.

Delighted fans can catch the show throughout the Stampede at the Corral various times this week.



Amy White beckons Leap to get some air at the Superdogs show at the Calgary Stampede.

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Health Olympic athletes exposed to Beijing's polluted air face possible blood circulation problems which could affect their performance, experts say. **REUTERS**

Beijing Games

Christopher books ticket to Beijing

ATHLETICS Tyler Christopher roared to victory in the 400-metre final at the Canadian track and field championships on Saturday in Windsor, Ont., setting an event record of 45.03 seconds and booking his ticket to the Beijing Games.

Priscilla Lopes-Schliep won the women's 100 hurdles final in 12.78 seconds, beating Angela Whyte who recorded a season-best 12.96.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Gay will miss out on 200M in Beijing

ATHLETICS World champion Tyson Gay's dream of Olympic double gold ended in pain when he crashed out of the U.S. 200 metres quarter-finals on Saturday. Already qualified for Beijing in the 100 metres, Gay had run about 40 metres of the 200 metres when he grabbed at his left hamstring and tumbled to track with a severe cramp.

The injury was a major blow to the U.S. hopes in Beijing since under the strict qualifying procedure of the trials only the top three finishers make the Olympic team regardless of circumstances. **REUTERS**

Phelps takes aim at 8 gold medals

SWIMMING Michael Phelps closed out the U.S. Olympic trials with a commanding win in the 100 metres butterfly on Saturday, adding a final flourish to his packed Beijing program.

After seven days, 15 swims and two world records, Phelps has crafted an Olympic schedule that will include eight events, providing the 23-year-old with enough ammunition to attack Mark Spitz's record of seven gold medals at a single Summer Games. **REUTERS**

Tomorrow's lineup

LIFE'S A BEACH. Beach volleyball player Dana Cooke and partner Annie Martin have spent the past month in Europe going from tournament to tournament in an effort to secure a spot in Beijing. Read tomorrow's Metro for more.

31 days remain until the official start of the 2008 Summer Olympic Games in Beijing.

'I am living my dream'

Paralympic athlete Connor, 31, sets sights on gold medal in Beijing

ALICIA FOX
for Metro Canada

Fate had seemingly made a wretched decision, but Calgarian paralympic athlete Earle Connor stood up and ran in the other direction — literally — with just one foot.

When he was three months old, Connor's parents had to make a tough decision: Subject their child to surgery every time he grew, or amputate his left leg. Born with a congenital condition that left his leg without a fibula, his parents decided to amputate his leg. The alternative, says the now 31-year-old, would have been very limiting, and would have confined him to a wheelchair. Instead, he took up sports.

"Beyond being an amputee, it was a way to express myself as a child," he said, describing himself as an eternal optimistic with a "huge slice of competitive."

Now the undefeated champion in the 100-metre dash, Connor will compete for Canada at the Beijing Paralympics.

It has been a long road to China for Connor, filled with tough lessons learned as a young athlete.

Another setback had Connor debating the end of his sporting career. In 2004 he failed a drug test because of personal, yet legal, medications he says that as a young man he was too embarrassed to admit he was taking.

"My own downfall is what I created," he said. Due to cancer concerns, a testicle had been removed and the testosterone patch he had been wearing to balance his hormones tipped his levels on the day of one test, weeks before he was to compete.

"I learned a very valuable lesson about taking ownership for who you are," Connor said.

He continues to challenge himself to be healthy and happy, remembering to have

fun, and keeping balance in his life.

"If you don't have balance, you're really out of whack," he said.

After a two-year hiatus, the athlete, who proudly holds his undefeated streak since 1997, has three main goals.

"First and foremost is to win a gold medal in Beijing," he said, adding that's like "the A-plus on the term paper." He'd also like to beat his own world record of 12.14 seconds and run the race in under 12, which he said is an exhilarating accomplishment.

The last goal looks away from the track.

"(I'd like to) transcend into real life," said the newly married Connor, adding he's excited about the prospect of improving lives by working in the prosthetic industry.

But for now, "I really am totally living my dream," he said.

Paralympic facts

- The Paralympics will be held Sept. 7-17, with the opening ceremony set for Sept. 6. The slogan is "One World, One Dream."
- The first Winter Paralympics were held in Sweden in 1976.
- "Paralympics" comes from the Greek "para," meaning "alongside," and therefore refers to a competition held parallel to the Olympics.
- In 2004, Athens saw 3,806 Paralympic athletes. More than 4,000 are expected to attend this year in Beijing.
- The Summer Games in Beijing will have 20 sports competitions — the highest number in Paralympic history.
- Amputees are not necessarily limited to competing against other amputees, and their abilities will be evaluated by an international panel alongside other Paralympians prior to the Games.

by the numbers



Earle Connor in action at the Sydney Paralympic Games in 2000.

25-30 Number of hours Earle Connor trains every week.

1999 Year Connor moved to Calgary. He's originally from rural Saskatchewan.

100-metre dash is his specialty.

Canadian paralympic athlete Earle Connor is gearing up for the Games in Beijing.

B.C. Lions president and CEO Bob Ackles died yesterday morning after suffering a heart attack. Ackles was the club's original water boy who rose through the ranks to become its top executive. He was 69. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sports



Brewers may have Sabathia

The Milwaukee Brewers have reportedly acquired pitcher C.C. Sabathia from the Cleveland Indians last night for a package of prospects. According to the Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel, the deal is contingent upon paperwork being finalized and medical reports being exchanged and that the reigning AL Cy Young Award winner could be in action for the Brewers tomorrow against the Colorado Rockies. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Garland helps Angels top Jays

MLB Jon Garland allowed one run in a complete game, and Jeff Mathis went 2-for-4 with three RBIs, as the Los Angeles Angels topped Toronto, 7-1, in the rubber match of a three-game series with the Blue Jays yesterday.

Garland gave up six hits and no walks in his nine-inning effort, and struck out three while throwing just 98 pitches. The victory was the 100th of Garland's career. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Sharks gobble up Boyle's big deal

NHL The San Jose Sharks acquired defencemen Dan Boyle and Brad Lukowich from the Tampa Bay Lightning in exchange for defencemen Matt Carle and Ty Wishart.

The Sharks also gave up a first-round pick in 2009 and a fourth-round selection in 2010.

Boyle, who signed a six-year, \$40 million US extension in February, had to waive his no-trade clause in order to complete the deal. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

Kim battles back to win AT&T title

GOLF American Anthony Kim claimed his second victory of the year by shooting a flawless five-under-par 65 to win the AT&T National in Maryland by two strokes over Sweden's Fredrik Jacobson yesterday.

Kim, who entered the final round three strokes behind leader Tom Pernice, recorded five birdies and no bogeys on the rigorous Congressional Country Club course to finish at 12-under 268.

REUTERS

Nadal steals Federer's crown

Spaniard wins five-set epic to seal first Wimbledon championship

Rafael Nadal punched a mighty hole through Roger Federer's aura of invincibility yesterday to become the first Spaniard in over four decades to win the Wimbledon men's singles crown.

In one of the most nerve-jangling finals seen at the All England Club, Nadal survived two rain breaks and an astonishing Federer fightback to end the Swiss's five-year reign as Wimbledon champion with a thrilling 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 9-7 victory.

While Nadal emulated the 1966 feat of fellow Spaniard Manuel Santana, Federer's dreams of eclipsing Bjorn Borg and setting a modern-era record of six successive Wimbledon titles died after four hours and 48 minutes of heart-stopping action.

Nadal's astounding journey to win his first crown at the grasscourt grand slam began under cloudy skies and finished in near darkness.

The 22-year-old collapsed on to his back the moment Federer buried a forehand into the net on Nadal's fourth match point.



Rafael Nadal of Spain playfully takes a bite out of his trophy after defeating Roger Federer of Switzerland 6-4, 6-4, 6-7, 6-7, 9-7 yesterday in the Wimbledon men's final.

Dragging himself up from the turf, a tearful Nadal clambered through the stands to embrace his family and friends, who draped the red and yellow Spanish flag over his shoulders.

In a Wimbledon first, the Majorcan then strode across the commentary boxes on Centre Court to shake

hands with Prince Felipe and Princess Letizia of Spain in the Royal Box and went on to exchange high fives with numerous fans in the stands.

"It's impossible to explain what I felt in that moment ... winning my favourite tournament, it's a dream," Nadal told the crowd after

becoming the first man since Borg in 1980 to complete the Roland Garros-Wimbledon double in the same year.

Four weeks after humiliating Federer in the French Open final, Nadal demonstrated that the balance of power in men's tennis had shifted in his favour when

5 Number of career grand slam titles won by Spain's Rafael Nadal (French Open 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008; Wimbledon 2008)

he handed the Swiss his first grasscourt defeat in six years.

An utterly dejected Federer, though still world No. 1, could barely fathom his first major final defeat outside his three losses at Roland Garros.

"This is a disaster, Paris was nothing in comparison," said the 12-time grand slam champion, who had hoped to close in on Pete Sampras' overall record of 14 major titles.

On Saturday, Venus Williams survived a fierce onslaught from her sister Serena Williams to win her fifth Wimbledon singles title. The sisters then defeated Samantha Stosur and Lisa Raymond to claim the women's double title.

Toronto's Daniel Nestor and his partner Nenad Zimonjic defeated Jonas Bjorkman and Kevin Ullyett 7-6 6-7 6-3 6-3 to win the men's doubles title, helping Nestor complete a career grand slam. **REUTERS**

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Sports in brief

MOTORSPORTS McLaren's Lewis Hamilton blew away his rivals to win a wet and chaotic British Grand Prix yesterday and storm back to the top of the Formula One standings. Hamilton is the

first British winner at Silverstone since Scotland's David Coulthard in 2000.

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Pay gap between sexes in U.K. to be public affair

British companies will now be encouraged to publish the pay gap between their male and female employees under a proposed law. **METRO NEWS SERVICES**

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Workology

**Bans working?**

The World Health Organization urged more countries to adopt smoking bans in public and at the workplace, saying there was enough evidence to prove they are an effective way of preventing heart disease and protecting others from second-hand smoke.

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Education gets a gaming edge

RAFAEL BRUSILOV
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Can blasting aliens and racing to the checkered flag help kids learn? You bet, says a university professor who studies how video games aid learning.

David Hutchison, a professor of social studies and computers at Brock University and author of *Playing To Learn: Video Games In The Classroom*, says many games have great teaching potential in mathematics, problem solving, decision making, geographical awareness and even artistic creativity.

"People might be surprised by the number of connections to different subject areas you can make with video games," Hutchison said.

With recent estimates released by the Entertainment Software Association Of Canada showing a staggering 88 per cent of children aged 6-17 play games regularly, Hutchison says teachers should tap into kids' love for games as a way to get them hooked on learning.

"Teachers are always looking for a hook for their lessons and video games are a great example of that," he said.

Some examples of lesson ideas involving games include having math students calculate and analyze the statistics from a racing game like *Forza Motorsport 2*, making kids dramatize their favourite scene from a particular game or turning the music down and letting



Prof. David Hutchison has a hold of Xbox 360 controllers with the game *Viva Pinata* playing in the background. There are many ways for kids to learn through video games, he says.

"I see a lot of educational potential in video games."

Prof. David Hutchison

students compose their own sounds to go along with the game.

When kids get involved in the process of critiquing and deconstructing the games they play, Hutchison believes they learn valuable critical-thinking skills.

"I'm talking about moving students from just be-

ing consumers of video games to becoming critics and creators of video games," Hutchison said.

While pilot training such as that employed by NASA has included games and simulations for years, gaming in general has not been seen as an educational tool in most of North America. Contrary to the stereotype that most games are violent or vapid — a complaint nevertheless bolstered by the booming popularity of violent titles such as the *Grand Theft Auto* series —

more than 70 per cent of the games rated yearly by the Entertainment Software Rating Board are fit for children.

"The vast majority of video games released are appropriate for kids to

play," Hutchison said.

Hutchison spent two years writing the book and says the reaction from teachers and parents has been overwhelmingly positive.

He says parents should

spend some time playing games with their kids to help them understand what they're playing and even try out a few educational activities involving their child's favourite game.



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July 7, 2006: Pink Floyd co-founder Roger "Syd" Barrett dies in England at the age of 60, due to complications from diabetes. REUTERS

Entertainment

Mamma Mia

Abba member Agnetha Faltskog, left, waves from a balcony after appearing with the cast and other Abba members during the movie premier of the musical Mamma Mia in Stockholm over the weekend.

Escovedo lets loose on Animal

Rocker reflects on personal, public past

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It was January 1978 in San Francisco. Sid Vicious was hopped up on heroin, the Sex Pistols were at popularly unending odds and Johnny Rotten delivered the now infamous punk passage, "Ever get the feeling you've been cheated? Good night."

The scene may have depicted the end of England's punk rock pioneers but it was just the beginning for then unknown Alejandro Escovedo. He played guitar

and co-wrote songs for The Nuns, the band that opened at the Pistol's historic final show.

Nowadays, he is more likely to open for the Dave Matthews Band.

"It's a vast chasm of difference," chuckles now solo Escovedo. "It's a grand canyon of difference."

But that was over thirty years ago and Escovedo says, today, he can objectively acknowledge the spectacle he was a part of. "It was eye opening and at the same time kind of heart breaking for me. It wasn't a musical venture at that point. It was more about the spectacle of seeing people ... kind of destroy themselves."

Escovedo remarks on this and other defining aspects of his musical life on the heavily autobiographi-

"Without music I don't know where I'd be. It hasn't been easy, but it's been a beautiful and joyous ride."

Alejandro Escovedo

cal Real Animal, his tenth full-length album, which will be available in stores across Canada tomorrow. On the record, he says he reached back to childhood, singing about his musically formative journey starting in his native San Antonio.

"My parents told us we were going on a vacation to California and we never returned to Texas. That's where I learned

about the music I ended up loving so much — the English rock and garage rock of the late 50s and 60s."

He says songs like Swallows of San Juan talk about where he grew up.

"The rolling around in the mud and the clay is like this

primitive nest egg of falling in love with this music and wanting to get back to the source of the music that changed my life."

His life changing events have covered a grand span. At 57, Escovedo has a plethora of personal and public adventures about which he speaks candidly on the album. His experiences are what characterize his music and performance, from a near-fatal bout with Hepatitis C to appearing, to his discontent, on U.S. President George W. Bush's iPod playlist (he says he'd rather opt for Obama's).

Escovedo says it's music that has taken him to all these places, people and situations. "Without music, I don't know where I would be. It hasn't been easy but it's been a beautiful and joyous ride."

Alejandro Escovedo plays the Mod Club Theatre tonight.

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weekend box office



Hancock is the No. 1 film at the North American box office.

Estimated ticket sales for Friday through Sunday at U.S. and Canadian theatres, according to Media By Numbers LLC.:

1. **Hancock**, \$66 million US
2. **WALL-E**, \$33.4 million
3. **Wanted**, \$20.6 million
4. **Get Smart**, \$11.1 million
5. **Kung Fu Panda**, \$7.5 million
6. **The Incredible Hulk**, \$5 million
7. **Indiana Jones And The Kingdom of the Crystal Skull**, \$3.9 million
8. **Kit Kittredge: An American Girl**, \$3.6 million
9. **Sex And The City**, \$2.3 million
10. **You Don't Mess With the Zohan**, \$2 million

Glastonbury boosts Jay-Z sales

MUSIC Jay-Z's appearance at Britain's Glastonbury Festival may have upset some rock purists, but it was music to the ears of his bank manager. Sales of the rapper's last album rocketed nearly five-fold in the days after his headline performance at Worthy Farm in Somerset, according to HMV figures released on Friday. HMV spokesman Gennaro Castaldo said five of Jay-Z's old singles are expected to re-enter the British charts.

REUTERS

Urban's surprise gift to Nicole

PEOPLE With Nicole Kidman due to give birth in early July, Keith Urban has purchased a surprise present to give to his wife in the delivery room — a \$73,000 Cartier Trinity ring! In Touch Weekly reports, "It's three rings intertwined, so it's very symbolic," the insider says of the popular design.

REUTERS

Paint and paper demystified

Blimey. How paint has changed. Past tense? Matt, satin or gloss. Present tense? Well, for fear of sending you to sleep, we'll dodge the chemical composition science lesson and veer instead towards basic description.

Undercoat — whether painting wood, drywall, metal or brick, there's an undercoat product to suit it. We know it's tempting to cut corners, but unless the paint you're using is specially designed as an 'all in one' (no primer required) then cheating will create poor results. Prepped surfaces last longer.

Latex — the optimum product for wall coverage. Available in every conceivable colour, this water based medium will wash out easily from brushes and rollers.

Oil based — these products are, as their name suggests, oil based and, as far as we're concerned (with latex paint now so improved)

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there's little need for them in this day and age. They also tend to be more pungent and you'll need special paint thinner and brush cleaners to tidy up after each job.

Spray paints — available in a range of off the shelf colours. Relatively easy to use and, as long as surfaces are smooth and clean, they can achieve a smoother finish than brush applied paint.

Paint finishes

Flat — a perfect no-sheen finish (most commonly associated with latex) that is great on walls. A particular bonus is that this paint will help disguise surface im-

perfections.

Eggshell — particularly good where high traffic is expected as it's easier to wipe clean. This paint has a discernable sheen but still provides a relatively flat finish.

Satin — great for bathrooms, kitchens and kids rooms due to its wipe clean nature.

Gloss — need we say more? A dated finish that we tend to avoid. Period.

Our Top Tips

•Preparation is key; sand, sand and sand again.

•Limit shiny finishes as reflected light will exacerbate any problems. Opt for matt or flat finish if trying to disguise bumpy areas.

•Don't be shy to ask a million and one questions in store before investing in your paint. The staff, after all, are trained to assist!

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Canadian acting legend Raymond Burr, right, will be honoured in the form of a new Canadian postage stamp.
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Man behind Bozo the Clown passes away

TELEVISION Larry Harmon, the alter ego behind Bozo the Clown for more than 50 years, died on Thursday of congestive heart failure at age 83, his spokesman said.

Harmon, a native of Ohio, died at his home in Los Angeles, his spokesman, Jerry Digney said. Harmon was not the original Bozo, but he portrayed the flame-haired clown in numerous appearances over the years.

More importantly, he purchased the copyright and trademark to the clown in the 1950s, and as a result was responsible for keeping Bozo working in the entertainment industry for more than half a century.

Over the years, Harmon trained some 200 actors to portray the clown for various local TV stations and other programs franchised around the country.

"We didn't have satellite, syndication and networking like today," Harmon once recalled. "So, I created my own network of local clowns and productions, a cross-country operation that kept me on the road for 50 weeks a year for decades."

Willard Scott, who went on to appear as the weatherman on NBC's weekday morning program Today, was one of those recruited by Harmon. For a time, Harmon also ran a large animation studio in Hollywood, producing cartoons based on comedians Laurel and Hardy, as well as the characters Popeye and Mr. Magoo.

He is survived by his wife, son and four daughters.

Reuters

NBC expands its TV empire

TELEVISION A group made up of NBC Universal, Blackstone Group and Bain Capital on Sunday said they have agreed to buy the U.S. Weather Channel from Landmark Communications in a deal whose financial terms they did not disclose.

Reuters

South Park strikes again

WHY SOUTH PARK IS ESSENTIAL, #57: Trey Parker and Matt Stone effectively had the last word on the Hollywood writers' strike earlier this year with Canada On Strike, the South Park episode that earned bonus points for being the latest totally gratuitous shot at this country by the Comedy Central show.

Where we once had to turn to old newsreels and clips of broadcast news shows to evoke and sum up an event in history (FDR declaring war on Japan, Walter Cronkite taking off his glasses after announcing the death of JFK), Canada On Strike will suffice to sum up precisely why the Writers Guild of America strike was an almost completely counterproductive exercise in poor bargaining with scant leverage. I can't wait to see what they'll do if the Screen Actors Guild goes on strike. On a more esoteric note, the next

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episode in the show's 12th season was a parody of Heavy Metal, the 1981 animated feature that still gives off a pungent aroma of bongwater and mildewed rec room for anyone who made the mortal mistake of being "there" when it was released, or during the long dark period when you could rely on finding a VHS copy of the film in any video rental store in the world. (Divining a unifying theme, Heavy Metal was voiced almost entirely by Canadians, including half the cast of SCTV.)

In a series of mini production featurettes on the South Park Studios web site, Parker, Stone and their animators go behind the scenes to describe how hard they

worked to approximate the craptacular animation style of Major Boobage, their loving tribute to Heavy Metal.

They'll probably end up on the 12th season box set of the show, alongside the predictably risible "bonus features" Stone and Parker include with their DVD sets, so you'd might as well get your DVD burner fired up now.

HURTLING INTO THE 21st CENTURY, ONE WEB SITE AT A TIME: In further writers' strike fallout, a web site was launched last week to showcase the work of writers affected by the WGA strike, with the solemn promise that whatever profits they realize — we're talking about the internet here, people — will go to the Actors Fund, which was set up to compensate crew members unemployed by the strike. Strike.tv was launched on the 4th of



South Park creators Trey Parker and Matt Stone.

July with a teaser trailer promising work by writers from a dizzying array of shows, peppered by appearances by actual name actors — I was able to spot Kelly from The Office, two former James Bonds and Bob Newhart.

Precisely how Strike.tv intends to make money remains to be seen — will they be selling ads, or will the site take a cut of the money if one of

the shows gets bought or TV?

In any case, it seems a classic example of Hollywood backing into the future once again — possibly stumbling into the new business model it sorely needs without any idea of how exactly it got there.

Rick McGinnis writes about music, movies, books and television, but not opera.

critics' corner

Ultimate Avengers: The Movie

Marvel superheroes come together in this 2006 video offering. Lost during the Second World War, Captain America is returned to life and hero status in the present day. His job is to lead others in a battle to save the world. Additional familiar characters include ale-swilling Thor, scientist Bruce Banner, leader Nick Fury and ubersoldier Black Widow. How can you not get excited over that?

11 PM on TOON



The Fiddle and the Drum

That Joni Mitchell's got her hand in almost everything! Which isn't necessarily a bad thing, as illustrated by this performance piece. Alberta Ballet artistic director Jean Grande-Maitre and songwriter Mitchell got together and came up with a ballet set to her music and performed in front of shots of her artwork. Yes, she paints, too. Influencing Mitchell's music and art are her concerns about the environment and war. 6 PM on BRAVO

Tootsie

An out-of-work actor (Dustin Hoffman), desperate for a job, poses as a woman and gets a role on a daytime soap opera. But he finds it difficult to keep up the charade, especially when he falls in love with a co-star (Jessica Lange). Teri Garr, Bill Murray, Dabney Coleman and Charles Durning also star in director Sydney Pollack's 1982 comedy, which was nominated for 10 Oscars but won only one: best supporting actress for Lance. 6:30 PM on TCM

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Transformers star Megan Fox has reportedly called off her engagement to actor fiance Brian Austin Green. Sources claim the pretty brunette, 22, sent business associates correspondence last week alerting them to the sad news. **IMDB.COM**

Celebrity Buzz

Madonna and Ritchie have dinner date

MARRIAGE Madonna and husband Guy Ritchie have put on a show of unity with a rare public appearance together in New York, *imdb.com* reports.

The couple enjoyed a romantic meal at an Italian restaurant — just hours after Madonna's publicist Liz Rosenberg issued a statement denying the pair is set to divorce.

Madonna and Ritchie were snapped heading into an exclusive

restaurant hand in hand on Tuesday evening. A source tells *People.com*, "(They looked) like a normal couple that just wanted to have a nice dinner out."

"They looked very unassuming, not like they were looking for attention." Another onlooker tells the website, "Everyone was whispering and saying, 'Wow, that was Madonna. She is supposed to be separating from her husband. I can't believe she is here.'"

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Klum snubs plastic surgery

STATEMENT Heidi Klum would rather look like a "dinosaur" than have plastic surgery, *female first.co.uk* reports.

The 34-year-old model and TV presenter — who is married to British singer Seal — would never resort to going

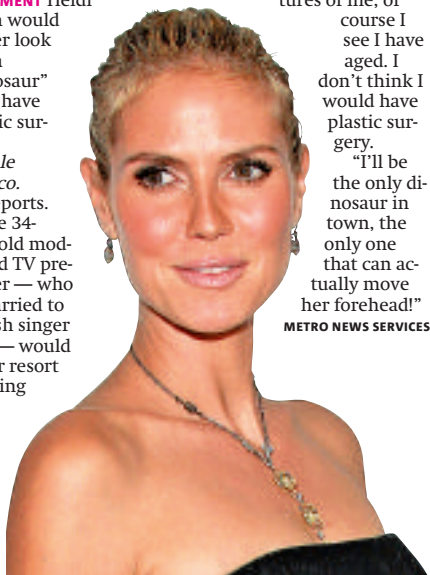
under the knife to maintain her looks.

She said: "I see that I've aged already. When I look at pictures now and when I see old pictures of me, of

course I see I have aged. I don't think I would have plastic surgery."

"I'll be the only dinosaur in town, the only one that can actually move her forehead!"

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celebrity brief

Kate, Lance go out with mom

COUPLE Kate Hudson and Lance Armstrong have been spotted enjoying a meal with the actress' mum Goldie Hawn, further fuelling rumours they are an item, *imdb.com* reports.

The alleged couple was seen eating a late lunch with Hudson's Hollywood veteran mother Hawn at the Ivy restaurant in Santa Monica, California on Tuesday. They were snapped laughing and joking as they dined outside on the restaurant's patio area, according to *People.com*. Hudson

and Armstrong have been romantically linked since they were spotted kissing and cuddling

during a party at the Cannes International Film Festival in France in May. But they have refused to speak publicly about their romance.

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celebrity brief

Married life with Mariah 'amazing'

MARRIAGE Rapper/actor Nick Cannon has laughed off rumours his marriage to Mariah Carey is on the rocks, insisting they couldn't be happier, *imdb.com* reports.

He tells *People.com*, "Marriage is amazing. It's the best thing that ever happened to me."

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Law linked to young model

ROMANCE Actor Jude Law is reportedly romancing British model Lily Cole — who is 15 years his junior, *imdb.com* reports.

The Alfie star, 35, has previously been romantically linked to rocker Rod Stewart's daughter Kimberly, but has been spotted with red-haired catwalk beauty Cole in recent weeks.

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Diaz's boyfriend moving in?

ROMANCE Although Cameron Diaz has only been dating model Paul Sculfor for a month, he's already staying with her, *In Touch Weekly* reports. "Cameron and Paul have been spending every night together," an insider tells the magazine, noting that Paul's main residence is in his native England. "He doesn't have a house in LA and Cameron doesn't mind him staying with her."

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Actor denying affair with Sienna

PEOPLE The married man accused of having an affair with Sienna Miller has denied reports he is romantically involved with the British actress who recently split from her fiancé, *imdb.com* reports.

Balthazar Getty, who is married with four children, has refuted allegations he is involved with Miller, saying, "It's not true. No truth to any of that."

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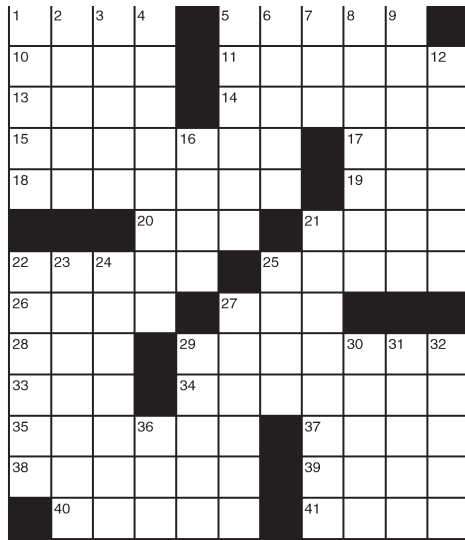
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Jackass star Steve-o has been transferred from a rehabilitation centre into a psychiatric hospital.

The troubled stuntman — real name Stephen Glover — had enrolled in a narcotics program to treat his drug addictions, but after allegedly getting clean, he has been moved to the secure mental ward at Los Angeles' Cedars-Sinai Hospital. **IMDB.COM**

Take Five



Crossword down

- 1 Idaho city
2 Ohio city
3 Incline
4 Aussie animal
5 Party wildly
6 Fathom and foot
7 Snaky fish
8 Deli buys
9 Libya's capital
12 Fortitude
16 Moves with speed
21 Hot pepper
22 Christie sleuth
23 Survives
24 Tirelessness
25 Naked
27 Food storage room
29 Road work markers
30 Referred to
31 Paid for a hand
32 Wall supports
36 USN rank

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BASE: Montreal CMA, Ottawa-Gatineau CMA,
Toronto CMA, Vancouver CMA

previous day's answer



Crossword across

- 1 Lie in the sun
5 Party attendee
10 Tex. neighbor
11 Slot machine feature
13 Persia, today
14 Singer Nelson
15 Top 40 tune
17 Fitting
18 Involves
19 French word
20 Roulette bet
21 Jack's friend
22 Mexican money
25 Count of music
26 Aware of
27 Friend
28 Lupino of film
29 Venezuela's capital
33 Mai Tai base
34 Milk-carton words
35 Set right
37 "—, Brute?"
38 Sawbuck
39 Require
40 Impudent
41 Casino calculation



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The answer is 36.
The number in the orange triangle for the number in the circle will give you the number in the middle rectangle.

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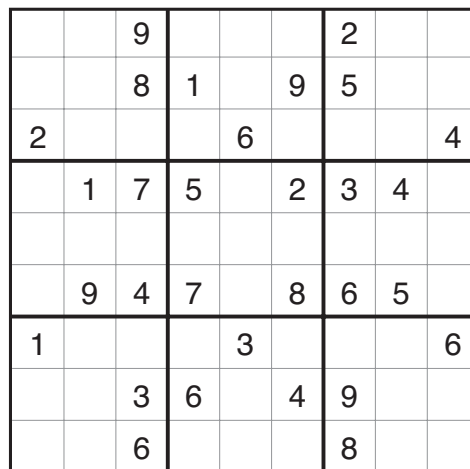
JULY 7, 1930: Industrialist Henry J. Kaiser begins construction of the Boulder Dam (now known as Hoover Dam).

JULY 7, 1969: In Canada, the Official Languages Act is adopted making the French language equal to the English language throughout the Federal government.

JULY 7, 1978: The Solomon Islands become independent from the United Kingdom.

JULY 7, 2002: A scandal broke in the U.K. when reports alleged MI6 of sheltering Abu Qatada, the supposed European Al Qaeda leader.

JULY 7, 2007: Worldwide performances by charity event Live Earth.



Horoscopes

AVATAR VENUS

ARIES

MARCH 21-APRIL 20

When you're given inspiration — grab it. Broken glass will be hazardous. Happiness is knowing when to stop doing something.

TAURUS

APRIL 21-MAY 21

Don't try to clear the air if there's a resistance to truth. It's a super day for a romantic fantasy. Figures lie and liars figure.

GEMINI

MAY 22-JUNE 21

A tolerant person will agree to make changes. Upsetting notes will be intercepted. Procedures have priority over relationships.

CANCER

JUNE 22-JULY 22

Be cautious while traveling. A friend shows a remarkable lack of concern. If your energy level flags, ask for help.

LEO

JULY 23-AUG 23

An opinionated person changes your mind. A friendship may be damaged by amusement. Don't borrow from someone you don't like.

VIRGO

AUG 24-SEPT 22

Don't make light of a serious problem. Damage becomes the topic of a discussion. Fear will interfere with getting support.

LIBRA

SEPT 23-OCT 23

A baby will be a conversation piece. Avoid answering a skill-testing question. You'll perform random acts of kindness.

SCORPIO

OCT 24-NOV 22

A conversation will be seductive. Write about one of your haunting experiences. A tyrant is on the endangered list.

SAGITTARIUS

NOV 23-DEC 21

You'll conduct yourself with dignity. A meeting alters your perspective. Co-workers will complain about faulty management.

CAPRICORN

DEC 22-JAN 20

Love letters will get lost. News from distance is baffling. Your feelings are a bit too obvious today.

AQUARIUS

JAN 21-FEB 18

No time is found for the impractical. Take control of your destiny. A companion will have a replacement for you.

PISCES

FEB 19-MAR 20

A sweet youngster plays it as it comes. Don't take someone's bad manners personally. You'll finally be able to move on.

Sudoku

INSTRUCTIONS:

The digits 1 through 9 will appear exactly once in each row, each column, and each zone. (A zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine of these zones in the puzzle.) Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same 3x3 zone, or in the same row across the puzzle, or column down the puzzle.

previous day's answer

5	6	7	1	3	9	4	8	2
8	2	3	4	7	6	9	5	1
1	9	4	5	8	2	6	3	7
2	3	5	9	4	1	8	7	6
7	4	1	6	5	8	2	9	3
6	8	9	7	2	3	5	1	4
3	7	8	2	6	5	1	4	9
4	1	6	8	9	7	3	2	5
9	5	2	3	1	4	7	6	8

SOLVE TIME IN MINUTES:

Under 13 Genius
13-17 Scholar
17-21 Smart

21-25 Not bad
25+ Keep practicing

Calgary weather

Afternoon



Thunder-showers.
21°

Tonight



Variable.
Low 9°

Tuesday



Mainly sunny.
22° / 13°

Wednesday



Variable.
24° / 10°

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Partly cloudy.
23° / 10°

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Low: 8.7°

Records
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Moonrise: 11:28 a.m.

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